

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, and 12-17 are now pending in the application with Claims 12, 15 and 17 being cancelled herein. Minor amendments have been made to the claims to simply overcome the objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2 to overcome the objections.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8, 9, and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nunes, Jr. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,429,377). The Examiner's attention is directed to amended Claims 8 and 13. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 12. As such, Applicants believe Claims 8 and 13 as well as their dependents are in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 1-4 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. & 112, 2nd paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 15

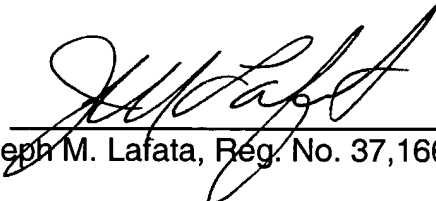
and 17. As such, the dependents of these claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendment to Claims 1 and 2 which place these claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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